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AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PGOV, PFOR, AR, PA

SUBJECT: MINISTER GELBARD'S DEPARTURE

1. FOREIGN MINISTER SAPENA PASTOR CALLED ME LAST NIGHT AND ASKED TO SEE ME URGENTLY. HE INFORMED ME THAT MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY UGARTE CENTURION HAD JUST RETURNED FROM SEVERAL DAYS IN BUENOS AIRES WHERE HE NEGOTIATED WITH HIS COUNTERPART. ON HIS RETURN UGARTE REPORTED TO PRESIDENT STROESSNER AND TO SAPENA PASTOR THAT GELBARD'S DEPARTURE FROM THE MINISTRY WAS NOT REPEAT NOT DUE TO HIS LONGSTANDING DIFFICULTIES WITH LOPEZ REGA AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY PERSONAL ANIMOSITIES. THE REASON ACCORDING TO UGARTE WAS THE DISCOVERY OF A VAST NETWORK OF COMMUNISTS AND SUBVERSIVES IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES MAINLY IN THE SECRETARIAT OF AGRICULTURE AND IN GELBARD'S SHOP. TO COMBAT FURTHER INFILTRATION, THE GOA, IN ADDITION TO ITS FIRM POLICY OF COMBATING SUBVERSIVES WITHIN ARGENTINA, WILL ALSO BECOME LESS ACCOMODATING IN POLITICAL AND TRADE RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES INCLUDING CUBA.

2. SAPENA, WHO IS CONVINCED THAT UGARTE'S REPORT IS CORRECT, ASKED ME WHETHER WE HAD SIMILAR INDICATIONS.

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HE IS OF COURSE EXTREMELY INTERESTED TO FIND OUT PRIOR

TO THE QUITO CONFERENCE WHETHER THE GOA MIGHT IN ANY  
WAY PLAN TO MODIFY ITS PRO-CUBA ADMISSION STANCE.

3. WHEN I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD NO INSIGHT INTO THE  
LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ARGENTINA, HE ASKED WHETHER  
THERE WAS ANYTHING THE USG COULD TELL HIM CONFIDENTIALLY.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE IF EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES COULD  
COMMENT ON THE ABOVE REPORT. ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT  
MIGHT HAVE WILL ALSO BE APPRECIATED.  
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